

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

115. CRWP No.2313 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision:13.03.2024

Meenu and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Sukhveer Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that petitioners are major and they are living in a live in relationship. Petitioner No.1 is married to respondent No.4 about five years ago and since respondent No.4 was harassing her, she started living with petitioner No.1. It is further contended that private respondents are threatening the petitioners with dire consequences and number of times they entered into the house of the petitioner and manhandled them. In this regard, they have also submitted a representation dated 04.03.2024 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2 but no action has been taken so far.
3. Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

4. Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice for the official respondents. Counsel for the petitioners is directed to supply a copy of complete paper book to the counsel appearing for the State during the course of the day.

5. Without commenting on the validity of relationship of the petitioners and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of this petition with direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-3) within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order and grant them protection, if there is any threat to their life and liberty. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any committed by them.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

March 13, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No